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WHEN a Contest arises between any two Members of a Society, as it is difficult, nay almost impossible, to judge of the true Motives of their Actions, from external Appearances; it is the Duty of every Individual of it, from a faithful Representation of Facts, to examine carefully into the Merits of the Cause, and not suffer Calumny to make an ill Impression on their Minds; this is a Rule not only absolutely necessary for the Preservation of the Peace of any Society, but would, if strictly adhered to, by all its Members, effectually eradicate that base and degenerate Part of the Species, whose darling Passion is Detraction.

Although I do not pretend, in this true State of the Case, to appear in the Light of a *Cicero*, yet I flatter myself I shall in that

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of an *honest* and *impartial* Man ; as what I here relate, has been wholly taken from the Mouths of the two Principals, and many others, who were Eye-Witnesses of the Facts ; and I dare presume to assert, what I shall recite, will convince every candid Reader, that the most prudent Conduct in any Station of this Life, is not always sufficient to defeat the malicious Attempts of infamous Detractors.

Nothing in this World is more precious than Time, and there are many Instances where it has been well employed, by even the most atrocious Criminals, in Repentance, and in some Measure repairing the Injuries of innocent Sufferers : and I was in great Hopes, from the long Silence that has subsisted since the Beginning of this Contest, that *some People* would have employed Part of theirs in that commendable Act : But being now convinced by a late Advertisement, that nothing of that kind will be done, I proceed to the Facts, as follows,

In the Month of *May*, 1746, Captain *H—b* became acquainted with Mr. *P—e*'s Family, (not as has been maliciously represented to the World, by the Introduction of his Half-Brother) but by the frequent Invitations of Mr. *P—e* himself, at their Interviews in *Greenwich Park* ; his Wife being the Daughter of the late worthy Commissioner

missioner *P-r--s*, the Captain's sincere Friend and Patron, at the Recommendation of an honourable Person now living: on which Account he thought himself in Gratitude obliged to wait on the Family, and accordingly continued in it, at Mr. *P---e's* Request, in great Friendship for some Time.

In the Month of *January*, 1746, the Captain quitted his Ship on Account of his Father's Death, and was invited again by Mr. *P---e* to his House, where he met Captain *P---e* his Half-Brother, who, with the whole Family, joined in the strongest Professions of Friendship to him. A few Days after the Captain's Return to *Greenwich*, Miss *M---d* came to wait on Mrs. *P---e*, and an unhappy Dispute arose, by the Lady's being too warm an Advocate in a Cause, that no Man of Honour, in the Service of his King and Country, could bear; upon which he immediately withdrew, declaring he must decline waiting on the Family during that Lady's Continuance in it; Mr. and Mrs. *P---e* both acquiesced with Captain *H---* in his Resentment; but Capt. *P---* his Half-Brother, who then made his Addreses to the mistaken Lady, espoused her Cause, and in Conjunction with her, stirred up that infernal Deity, commonly called *Revenge*; and by her Aid made a Family Quarrel, from

which Source the present Misfortunes of it truly flow.

Capt. *P*— remained after this fourteen or fifteen Days in the Family, and with the Assistance of Miss *M*— made use of his utmost Endeavours to instil the Spirit of Jealousy into his Brother, by insinuating Capt. *H*— was too intimate with his Wife, as Mr. *P*— informed him; but their wicked Designs then making no Impression on Mr. *P*—, he desired the Captain to do him the Favour of standing Sponsor to his Child, which he chearfully complied with.

Being thus far defeated in their flagitious Attempts, they called into their Assistance a *Wretch* whom I may properly call the *Iago* of this *Drama*, who from ambitious Views, had for some time endeavoured to the great Injury of the Family to become a Partner with Mr. *P*—, which being discovered by his Lady, was the Cause of some Uneasiness, and inclined him to join readily in this wicked Undertaking; and he accordingly improved the frequent interviews, which he, as Clerk, had with his Master, to instil into him Ideas, the most prejudicial in his Wife's Virtue, and Capt. *H*—'s Honour.

—— Oh, most wicked Speed, to post
With such Dexterity to a Family's Ruin.
It is not, nor it cannot come to Good.

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During the Progress of this malicious Design, Mr. P——, who, on the 28th of *April* 1747, was obliged to go from his House at *Greenwich*, to *London*, on Business, took leave of the Captain in the most friendly Manner, and appointed to return and dine with him ; but soon after his Arrival in Town, being prevailed on by the united Force of the pernicious Insinuations of these infamous Projectors, who met him in *London*, was so far influenced, as to write Mrs. P—— a Letter, in which he told her *He should not return to her, until Capt. H—— had left the House.* This Letter was received with the greatest Surprise, as no Reason was given for such extraordinary Behaviour ; however Capt. H—— that Evening in Compliance with it, hired Lodgings on *Blackbeath*.

The next Morning Capt. H—— received several Messages by his own Servant, from Mr. P—— desiring him to return to his House ; which after many Sollicitations he complied with ; and on his Arrival, Mr. P—— in the most abject Manner begged he would take no Notice of his inadvertent Act of the Day before, for he was fully convinced of his Enemies pernicious Designs, and therefore must insist on the Captain's Continuance in the Family as usual ; that being in his Opinion, the only Way to take off any Odium, or Reproach from himself or Mrs. P——.

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Capt. *H*— for these Reasons continued in the Family 'till the Beginning of *July* following, and then perceiving the Ascendant the Projectors of this wicked Scheme had over the Mind of Mr. *P*—, privately withdrew from the Family, and ordered his Servant to bring his Cloaths &c. to him, to his Lodgings in *Mark-Lane*; notwithstanding which they were detained by Mr. *P*—, who by repeated Sollicitations desired his Return; at the same time putting the Captain in mind of an Engagement he had made to accompany him and Mrs. *P*— to *Fever-sham*, and begging it as a Favour, in order to obviate the malicious Designs of the Enemies to his domestick Happiness; which the Captain, notwithstanding his ill Treatment, humanely complied with.

On the Return of Capt. *H*— to the Family in order to proceed to *Fever-sham*, Mr. *P*— exposed to him several Letters which he had received from Capt. *P*—, and discovered the cruel Designs of the infamous Projectors, which were indeed truly horrible; assuring the Captain, that he would in the highest Manner resent their unjust Treatment of Mrs. *P*—.

Soon after the Arrival of the Family at *Fever-sham*, which was in *July* 1747, Mrs. *P*— broke her Arm, about which Time Mr. *P*—'s Clerk coming thither from *London*, to settle some Accounts with his Master,

embraced that Opportunity to carry on his wicked Designs, and took the Advantage of Mr. P—'s Weakness, to fix him in the Resolution of parting with his Wife ; because he thought her an Obstacle to his ambitious Views, having discovered her Uneasiness at the Report of his being from a Servant, a Partner with her Husband.

Iago continued but a few Days at *Fever-sham*, and on his Return to *London*, Miss F—, a new Agent, was introduced into the Family, whose chief Part in this fatal Catastrophe, was implicitly to follow the Directions of this wicked Confederacy ; and inform them of the minutest Circumstance that could tend to the Destruction of the Lady : calling in to her Assistance the Coachman and Cookmaid of the Family. During the assiduous Miss F—'s Observations on the Conduct of the injured Lady, I cannot pass over a remarkable Incident in Silence, without great Injustice to the Unfortunate ; and therefore must beg Leave to inform the Reader, that although she was very intent in carrying on the infernal Design, for which she was introduced ; yet she had the Misfortune to be surprized in an unlucky Minute with Mr. P—, which caused great Uneasiness in the Family ; and so unfortunate was this *Messalina* in her Amours, during her Continuance at *Fever-sham*, that Mrs. P— also discovered her dis-

dispensing her Favours to another Gentleman :

For who o'er Night obtain'd her Grace,
She can next Day disown ;
And stare upon the strange Man's Face,
As one she ne'er had known,

Capt. *H*——diverted himself, during his Stay at *Feversham*, with the rural Amusements of shooting and hunting, Mrs. *P*——continuing ill the whole Time ; for ere she had recovered of her broken Arm, she miscarried ; wherefore I beg Leave to appeal to the unprejudiced Reader, whether it was possible for the unfortunate Lady, to be guilty of the Crimes, which the atrocious Confederates, in Order to bring about their wicked Designs, would maliciously impute to her.

On the 2d of *October* following Mr. *P*——reproached his Lady with having too great a Regard for the Captain, which she communicated to him, on which he immediately asked Mr. *P*——, whether he had by his Behaviour, ever given him any Reason for such Suspicion ; he assured him to the contrary. The Captain determining to make a very short Stay ; on *Sunday* the 4th of *October*, in the Presence of Mrs. *P*——, Miss *F*——and his own Servant, desired Mr. *P*——would inform him whether he had recollected

ed any Circumstance wherein he had not behaved like a Man of strict Honour; and was assured by him, *that he was very far from thinking him capable of deviating from that Character*; and offered him his Coach to *Sittingbourne*; hinting at the same Time, that the Reason of his past Behaviour to his Lady, was from the Influence and Instigation of that execrable Wretch, as I may justly stile him, *Iago*.

Capt. *H*— refused the Offer, Mr. *P*— made him, of his Coach to *Sittingbourne*, depending on a Post Chaise at *Ospringe*, which however he was disappointed of; and therefore took a Place in the *Canterbury* Coach for *London*, the next Morning. The compassionate Miss *F*— considering how disagreeable it must be for a Gentleman to pass an Evening at an Inn, in a small Village, alone, generously contributed as much as was in her Power to entertain the Captain, with her engaging Company.

Notwithstanding the seeming Friendship, in which Mr. *P*— parted with the Captain, he had not been long at *Ospringe*, before he received a Letter N^o I. from *****, informing him of a Design to attempt his Life, a Copy of which Letter, as well as of all others relating to this Narrative, are recited in the Appendix, to which I refer the Reader.

As a strong Confirmation of the Truth of this Intelligence, the Master of the Inn desired the Captain, in the Presence of his Servant, to be upon his Guard, for that Mr. P—'s Coachman, and some others, armed, were inquiring after him at the Inn; on which the Captain threw up the Sash Window, and seeing the Assassins, assembled before the House, he discharged a Pistol wide of them, on which they dispersed.

When the Captain's Servant returned from conducting Miss F— from *Ospringe* (where she had been so obliging to continue till late) to *Feversham*, he discovered the Coachman and his Companions armed lurking about the Inn. And as a farther corroborating Evidence of the Truth of this Attempt, *Sarah H—n* of *Greenwich* has deposed on Oath, that Mr. P—'s Coachman declared he was promised a Reward by his Master, if he would murder Captain H—, and that he, the said Coachman rode twenty Miles from *Feversham* after him, with that Intent. This abandoned Wretch not having an Opportunity of perpetrating his premeditated Villany, returned to his Master, and informed him, that a Chariot and six Horses waited at the Inn at *Ospringe*, in which, Captain H— was to carry off Mrs. P—.

Mr. P—, whose Deficiency of Understanding fully appears in the Recital of these Facts, suffered himself to be so far imposed

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on by the false Report of his Servant, that, forgetting all Tendernefs, and even Humanity to his Lady, who was then dangerously ill of a Miscarriage, he not only threatened to bind her with Cords to the Bed, but called up his Coachman into her Chamber to his Assistance, who, though a fit Instrument, as his Master thought, for so inhumane an Act, was yet so far prevailed upon by the Tears and Intercessions of the Lady, as to leave her, after satiating his Rage, by calling her the most opprobrious Names; although it must be evident to the unprejudiced part of Mankind, that she was then extremely unfit, by reason of her Disorder, to bear the Fatigue of a Journey; and certain, that the Chariot before mentioned, at the Inn, waited on two Gentlemen, who were on a Journey to, or from *Canterbury*.

Capt. *H*— before he left *Ospringe*, wrote the Letter N^o II. to Mrs. *P*—, and arrived in *London* on *Tuesday* the 6th of *October*, where he was informed by a Letter from Mrs. *P*—, N^o III. of the inhuman Treatment which she had received from her Husband, and the cruel Attempts he had made to murder her and her Servant; desiring him to make Application to Council for a Redress; a more particular Account of which will appear from genuine Copies of the Original Letters in the Appendix.

About the 12th of *October*, Mrs. P—'s Servant Maid, Neice to the inveterate *Iago*, waited on Capt. H—, at his Lodgings in *London*, from her Mistress; who desired him to take the Advice of Council for her, that they might direct in what Manner she could be relieved from the barbarous Treatment which she had met with from her Husband; she the said Servant believing the Life of her Mistress to be in imminent Danger, from his cruel Usage: And giving him an Account that Mr. P— had made an Attempt on her Life also, for which she had compelled him to enter into a Recognizance, for his future Behaviour. She then related to the Captain the cruel Manner of her being secreted in the House of her Uncle, the perfidious *Iago*, at *Hogsdon*, who brought her from Mr. P—'s House at *Rocheſter*, with a Design to send her into some remote County; but that she was released from her Confinement on the Application of her Mother: And as this Servant was the only Person above the mean Impression of Corruption, which had waited on Mrs. P—, during the iniquitous Attempts of the abandoned Confederates on her, her Release in some Measure put a Stop to their cruel Designs.

On the 13th or 14th of *October*, *Iago* waited on Capt. H— with the Compliments of Mr. P—'s Family, and informed him, that Mrs. P—, at her Husband's Desire,

fire, would soon call on him ; in Consequence of which, about the 21st of the same Month, Mrs. P—, with Miss F—, came in her Husband's Coach, to Mr. S—n's, a Merchant, in *Mark-lane*, where the Captain lodged, (Mr. P— being set down in *Grace-Church-street*) where she related many Instances of her cruel Sufferings, but was in Hopes Mr. P— was fully convinced of the injurious Attempts of her Enemies, and flattered herself, that he would give the Captain convincing Proofs of a sincere Reconciliation, which, in some Measure, appeared by his desiring his Lady to visit him.

Capt. H— having taken Lodgings on *Blackbeath*, went to them the next Morning, and sent to Mr. P—'s for his Furniture, in order to furnish his Lodgings, but had not been many Days in them, before he was surprized on *Blackbeath*, by Miss F—, who delivered a Letter to him from Mrs. P—, which is inserted in the Appendix N^o IV. on Capt. H—'s Receipt of this Letter ; Miss F— making him repeated Promises of Fidelity, and as a Confirmation of her Integrity, invoking all the Curses of the Almighty on her, if she failed therein, and representing at the same Time to the Captain, the dangerous Situation Mrs. P— was in, from the Attempts of her Husband, and his Coadjutors ; she prevailed on him so far as to advise Mrs. P—, to endeavour to guard herself

self in the most effectual Manner against the iniquitous Designs which might be formed for her Destruction, in Consequence of which he wrote a Letter in Answer to her's.

As the Perfidy of Miss *F—* appears now where so flagrant in this Narrative, as the not delivering the above mentioned Letter of Capt. *H—*'s, to Mrs. *P—*; *which never was received or seen by her, although he was convicted thereon*; I hope the impartial Reader will so far indulge me, as to give me leave to quote some few Lines out of the inimitable *Milton*, as her true Portrait.

So spake the false Dissembler unperceived;
For neither Man, nor Angel, can discern
Hypocrisy (the only Evil that walks
Invisible, except to God alone,
By his permissive Will, through Heav'n
and Earth:
And oft though Wisdom wake, Suspicion
sleeps
At Wisdom's Gate, and to Simplicity
Resigns her Charge, while Goodness thinks
no Ill
Where no Ill seems.)

On *Monday* the 26th of *October*, Mr. *P—*'s Coachman brought a Letter to Captain *H—* from his Master, acquainting him, that he was happily reconciled to his Wife, which was read by the Captain's
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Servant also, and known by him to be the Hand Writing of Mr. P—; and on the 2d of *November* the Captain received a Letter from Mrs. P—, to the same Purport, N^o V. The 10th of *November* the Captain received a Letter from Mrs. P—, N^o VI. informing him, that Mr. P—e, late a Captain in Lord ———'s Regiment of Foot, had been at *Greenwich*, and with his usual pernicious Rhetorick, so far prevailed on Mr. P—, as to alienate his Affections once more from her, and advise him to confine her in a Madhouse.

Saturday Evening, the 14th of *November* 1747, Capt. H— was walking as usual in *Greenwich* Park, and while on the Eminence there, taking an Observation of the Sun's Setting, was surprized with the Whistling of a Shot very near him. He immediately drew his Sword, and looking round him, discovered Mr. P— standing at his own Door, with a Gun in his Hand, and a Servant in the Court-yard with another. The Captain calling to Mr. P—, asked him whether he was the Object of his Resentment, and if he had fired at him; who, without making any Reply, fired again, and then told him, that he had done it with a Design to dispatch him; the Servant firing his Gun from the Court-yard at the same Time.

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The Captain told Mr. P—, that he expected Satisfaction of him for his Behaviour, the next Morning, and soon after sent him a Challenge; for which he was most ungenerously prosecuted, and fined by the Court of K. B. 13s. 4d.

M. I——n, late Attorney at Law, the Recital of whose Actions would have taken up no small Space in this Narrative, and who managed these malicious Prosecutions, died some Months since, and therefore I shall say nothing of him: Nor should I have been so particular in the Recital of these Facts, if I was not well acquainted with the mean Artifices, and fallacious Representations, which are made Use of by some malicious and infamous Detractors; and as a Proof of the Truth of what I have advanced, beg Leave to refer the Reader to Mrs. P—'s Letter to Captain H——, N^o VII.

Captain H—— being at his Lodgings in *Derby-Court, Westminster*, Miss F— the Beginning of *January 1747*, to his great Surprise, came to him, and with a seeming Sense of her wicked and deceitful Behaviour towards him, fell down on her Knees, and begged he would forgive her past Conduct, promising at the same Time, she would convince him by her future Behaviour, that she had a real Sense, and just Abhorrence of the iniquitous Designs, which were formed a

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gainst him, and into which she had been unwarily drawn to be a Party.

Miss *F*— soon after waited on the Captain again at his Lodgings in *Derby-Court*, with a Letter from Mrs. *P*—, N^o VIII. and gave him also a verbal Relation of her cruel Treatment; declaring at the same Time before Mrs. *K*——s, the Mistress of the House, that she thought the Captain a Man of the strictest Honour, and Mrs. *P*— a truly virtuous Woman.

Notwithstanding Miss *F*—'s pretended sincere Repentance, she unfortunately soon manifested her former Perfidy, and continued to go Hand in Hand with the malicious Contrivers of this wicked Scheme; so that, if her Repentance were truly sincere, I shall make no farther Animadversions on this Part of her Conduct; but must imagine her to be very nearly in the miserable Situation of *Satan*, whose Soliloquy is so beautifully drawn by the great *Milton*:

Me miserable! Which Way shall I fly,
Infinite Wrath, and infinite Despair?

Which Way I fly is Hell; myself am Hell;
And, in the lowest Deep, a lower Deep,
Still threatening to devour me opens wide,
To which the Hell I suffer seems a Heaven.
O then at last relent! Is there no Place
Left for Repentance? none for Pardon left?

On the 15th of *January* following, the Captain received another Letter from Mrs. P—, N^o IX. giving a farther Account of her cruel Treatment, from the infernal Crew, which the inimitable *Milton* has finely described in the following Lines :

—————With him inthroned
 Sat sable-vested Night, eldest of Things,
 The Consort of his Reign; and by them
 stood
Orchus, and *Ades*, and the dreaded Name
 Of *Demogorgon*: *Rumour* next, and *Chance*,
 And *Tumult*, and *Confusion* all imbroiled,
 And *Discord* with a thousand various
 Mouths.

Mrs P— no longer able to bear the cruel Treatment she received from her Husband and his wicked Associates, left her Husband's House, and came to Captain H——'s Lodgings on *Blackbeath*; but the Captain was so far from desiring her to leave her Husband, that he earnestly begged, and prevailed on her, to return home again, which she accordingly did, his own Servant attending on her. Her cruel Treatment, however, still continuing, on the 9th of *February* she sent her Jewels to him, amongst some of his own Books and Papers, which had been till then at Mr. P—'s House, which as soon as the
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Captain saw, he immediately sent back by his Servant, with a Letter, N^o X.

On the 15th of the same Month, the Captain received the Letter N^o XI. by which Mrs. P— informed him, that her Husband consented to their Separation, provided she could find Securities ; but as he gave her only a Week's time to find them, and insisted that neither the Captain nor any of his Friends should be Security for her, though she applied to Capt. A—n and others, she was not able to get such as he approved of ; and being told by Miss F—, that if she did not make her Escape, she would be immediately confined in a Mad-House, she accordingly withdrew from her Husband's House on the 19th of *February* in the Morning, took a Pair of Oars, and landed at *Tower-Wharf*, from whence she went in a Hackney-Coach to *Doctor's Commons*, and exhibited a Complaint against her Husband ; and from thence to Mrs. F—n's, a Friend of Miss F—r's, in *Johnson's-Court, Fleet-Street*, to whom she had been recommended by that infamous Wretch. Mrs. F—n not being able to accommodate her with a Lodging, her Servant *Betty*, *Iago's* Neice, who came thither to her, went and took a Lodging for her near *Charing-Cross* ; where they continued 'till the Captain received the Letter N^o XII. On the Receipt of this Letter, the Captain came to her from his

Lodgings on *Blackheath*, and found her not only destitute of all the Necessaries of Life, but lodged, though in a very reputable Family, yet too near a Bagnio for a Lady in her Situation; and therefore at the Captain's Representation, she took a Lodging at Mr. S——'s, near *Leicester-Fields*; and as her Servant was a perfect Stranger in *London*, and the Streets were extremely full of Snow, and very slippery, the Captain's Servant, at Mrs. P——'s Request looked out for a Lodging for her. The Servant returning with an Account, that he believed he had found one proper for her, she went in a Chair and agreed for it; the Captain, as Mr. S——'n desired some Person of Reputation should inform him who she was, telling him both who she was, and her Circumstances; that she had left her Husband on Account of his cruel Treatment of her, and libelled him in the Commons, and desired as he should be obliged to visit her, he would, whenever he came, have a particular Regard to his Conduct. The next Day Miss F—— gave Mrs. P——'s Cloaths, which she had brought from *Greenwich* to *London* some Time before, and left at a House near *Cavendish-Square*, to the Captain's Servant, to deliver to Mrs. P——, with a Letter, wrote with a Pencil, N^o XIII. After this the Captain returned to his Lodgings at *Greenwich*, where he stayed some

some Time, and went from thence into Ox-
 fordshire and Huntingdonshire, in which Coun-
 ties, he spent the greatest Part of his Time,
 till the Middle of the September following.
 After his Return to Town, occasioned by
 the Action brought against him for the Chal-
 lenge then depending in *Westminster-Hall*;
 a Gentleman who was acquainted with Mrs.
 P— during his Absence, visited her fre-
 quently with the Captain, who desired him
 to favour him with his Company whenever
 he visited her, in order to avoid the least
 suspicion of the injured Lady's Virtue, as
 well as to help to pass away her melancholy
 hours, by which her Health was so much
 impaired, that there was a Necessity not on-
 ly of Company, but even of the Assistance of
 a Physician, to prevent her falling into a
 deep Lethargy; and by his Direction the said
 Gentleman and the Captain went with her
 several Times to publick Diversions, and this
 with such Caution, that she never went with-
 out the said Gentleman was in Company.
 Her Libel in the Commons having been
 rejected for Want of Evidence, (the infamous
 Miss *Fenn*, who had been the chief Instru-
 ment of her Separation from her Husband, by
 intimidating her with the Fear of being sent to
 a Mad-House, as well as aiding her in her
 escape, being much better pleased to usurp the
 place of the injured Lady, than appear an ho-
 nest Evidence for her) and her Melancholy still
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encreasing, the said Gentleman who had been with her to *Doctor's-Commons*, where she went to take the Advice of her Civilians, commiserating her unhappy Situation, went at the Captain's and her Desire, about the Middle of the *January* following to *Rochester*, to endeavour, if possible, the Accommodation of this unhappy Affair in an amicable manner.

He saw Mr. P—, told him the melancholy Situation his Lady was in, and that she was desirous, though contrary to the Advice of her Civilians, which he shewed him in Writing, to drop her Suit, and to return to him, if she could have any Assurance of being treated as a Wife ought to be; and pressed him so closely with Arguments drawn from the Honour and Interest of his Family, that he remained for some Time silent, and the Gentleman had Hopes of Success; but after some Pause, Mr. P— started up, and said *He must beg Leave to call up a Gentleman, who could answer to these Things much better than himself.* The Reader will easily conceive the Gentleman's Surprise, when he found the Person called up, was the very *Jag*, his Servant; and that he was *better acquainted*, than Mr. P— himself, with the most interesting Concerns of his Family.

As soon as this Incendiary entered the Room, he treated not only the Captain, but Mrs. P— herself, with the most opprobrious

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Language, without the least Regard to Decency; and reprimanded his Master, when he attempted to speak, as if he had been his Pupil; so that it visibly appeared to the Gentleman, there was not the least Hope of Success; Mr. P— not only following this Incendiary's Dictates, but even appearing to be wholly governed by him.

Mrs. P— continued in her Lodgings at Mr. S——'s till about *October* following, soon after which she was sent by her Civilian, with an Evidence, to tender herself to her Husband according to Law; and was refused Admittance into his House; Capt. P——e, his half Brother, who heard of her going to her Husband, declaring before she went, to a Gentleman of great Honour; *That he would ride a thousand Miles to prevent a Reconciliation.* He accordingly went to *Rochester*, and to his wicked Influence, her Non-Admittance may chiefly be imputed.

Thither full fraught with mischievous Revenge,

Accursed, and in a cursed Hour he hies.

———Thus *Beelzebub*

Pleaded his devilish Counsel, first devised
By *Satan*, and in Part proposed: for
whence,

But from the Author of all Ill, could
spring

So deep a Malice. ———

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Notwithstanding Mrs. P——'s having been refused Admittance when she went to tender herself by order of the Court; she, anxious for the Welfare of her Family, and imputing all that had happened, more to the Malice of her Enemies, than to her Husband's innate Disposition, wrote to him a most moving Letter, and received *such an Answer to it**, as none but the inveterate Iago could dictate for it concluded with no hopes of any future Subsistence from him, but on Condition that she would absolutely swear something or other against the Captain, that would affect his Life.

O alienate from God, O Spirit accurst,
 Forsaken of all good! I see thy Fall
 Determined, and thy hapless Crew invol-
 ved
 In this perfidious Fraud; Contagion spread
 Both of thy Crime, and Punishment.

* Note, a Copy of her Letter and his Answer to it, in his own Hand writing, are now in the Hands of a Gentleman who shew'd them to the Author of this Narrative.

REFLECTIONS

On the Foregoing

NARRATIVE.

BEFORE I make any Reflections on the several Facts contain'd in the preceding Narrative, it will not be improper to inform the Reader, that there are some who have particular Engagements to Mr. P—, and others who have Ill-will to the Captain and Mrs. P—; and many, who are naturally addicted to Defamation, and envious of any Good to any Person, who have contributed to spread scandalous Reports; for nothing is so swift as Scandal, nothing is more easily sent abroad, nothing received with more Welcome, nothing diffuses itself more universally. I do not desire, if any Report to the Disadvantage either of the Captain or Mrs. P— has any Ground for it, that it should be overlooked or extenuated; but if any Thing is advanced without a Person, who can say from whence he had it, or which is attested by any one, who cannot say who told it him, or who had it from one of

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so little Consideration, that he did not then think it worth his Notice; I think such Reports ought not to have any Credit against the Honour and Innocence of any Persons whatsoever.

The Reader will please to observe from the preceding Facts, that the Captain did not intrude himself into Mr. P——'s House; and though he first accidentally went thither in Company with his half Brother, yet he never saw any of the Family; nor did he go again, till after Mr P——'s repeated Invitations, and that he understood Mrs. P—— was Daughter of the late Commissioner Pu----s, to whose friendly Assistance he, in Part, owed his first Advancement in the Service. He went therefore to wait on Mrs P—— out of Gratitude for the essential Service done him by her deceased Father; and lived in the greatest Friendship in Mr. P----'s Family, till the unhappy Quarrel occasioned by Miss M----d's imprudently manifesting her Attachment to a Cause, destructive to the Liberty of the Subject, and which must necessarily give Offence to every honest Man in the Captain's Station.

This Quarrel between the Captain and Miss M----d, was the true Source from whence the present Misfortunes of the Family took their Rise; Mr. P--'s half Brother resenting the Captain's Treatment of Miss M----d, to whom he then made his Addresses; Captain Pr--e and his Wife taking Part with him, and all
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uniting to make Mrs. P--- the Victim of their Resentment, not only because they could not otherwise be revenged on the Captain, but because she was averse to their being at her Husband's House, on Account of their excessive drinking, and lewd and profane Discourse. I might also add, that she had the Misfortune to disoblige her Father by marrying Mr. P---, he leaving her only 10 *l.* in his Will to buy Mourning; and many of Mr. P---'s Relations carried a Resentment to her, because they expected she would have had a large Fortune, as well as for the Reason above assigned.

Iago, who had been Clerk in a certain Office, with Captain *Pr---* joined with him, because he found the Scheme favourable for passing a long and intricate Account, and to his ambitious View, of becoming Partner with his Master; which, if he was, was at least never own'd, 'till Mrs. P--- had not only lost her Husband's Confidence, but was absolutely removed out of the House: She having several Times expressed her Suspicion of it, with the greatest Uneasiness.

However, to resume my Subject, the first Onset of this invidious Crew was defeated, and Mr. P--- being convinced of his Wife's Virtue and Captain *H---*'s Honour, requested him to stand Sponsor to his Daughter, and after the Confederates had prevailed on him, when in *London*, to write to his Lady,

that he would not return to his House 'till the Captain was gone out of it, he immediately, to prevent, as far as he could, any Uneasiness, quitted it; and it was not 'till after repeated Messages from Mr. P— that he consented to return, or go with him to *Feversham*. Soon after the Captain's Return, he again quitted Mr. P——'s House, unknown to the Family; but on the Remonstrances made to him by Mr. P—, how injurious it would be to his Wife's Virtue, and his domestick Happiness, (and reminding him of his Promise to go to *Feversham*) he humanely consented to his earnest Request; but not 'till Mr. P— had assured him, he thought there was no other Way to defeat the scandalous Reports raised by his and his Wife's Enemies, on his withdrawing from the House; one of which was, that the Captain had been surprized in Bed with his Lady, This Request was made to the Captain by his own Servant, who went to Mr. P——'s for his Apparel &c. Mr. P— refusing to send it, and enjoining him to go to him immediately, and beg of him to leave his Lodgings in *London*, and return to his House.

During their Stay at *Feversham*, Miss F---, the last of the principal Agents in this iniquitous Scheme, was introduced into the Family, and seems by Birth and Education peculiarly adapted to the Part she has acted in it; being not only incestuously illegitimate, but declaring

claring on all Occasions, *that she thought it no Sin to be W---e to a great Man.*

The Family however continued to live in great Harmony 'till this Female *Judas* had been thoroughly instructed in the Part she was to act; when the Scene opened, and the Captain, who had accompanied the Family thither at Mr. P---'s own Request, was supposed to be too intimate with a poor Lady, who, during the whole Time of their Continuance there, was ill either of a broken Arm or Miscarriage; and it would be impossible to recount the numberless absurd Falsehoods that are invented by the Cabal, to carry on their flagitious Design.

And here I'll beg Leave to ask the Reader some Questions; if Mr. P--- saw any Thing in either the Captain's or his Wife's Conduct, that gave him any Cause of Suspicion, why did he not only invite, nay press him to return to his House at *Greenwich*, and even go with him to *Feversham*? if he did not, why did he give Credit to others, and yet act so meanly and disingenuously as to part with him in seeming Friendship, offer him his Coach to *Sittingbourne*, and declare before Evidence, *He thought him a Man of strict Honour*? This Conduct must appear to every impartial Reader, very weak, or very wicked, and the seeming Friendship, Declaration and Offer of the Coach made with no other View, but to have that perpetrated on the Road to
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Sittingbourne, which was afterwards attempted at the Inn at *Ospringe*.

After the Captain's Arrival in *London*, he lodged at his Friend Mr. *St--n's*, Merchant, in *Mark-Lane*, but had not been in there above three Weeks, before *Iago*, to his great Surprize, came to him with Compliments from Mr. and Mrs. *P---*, and a Message, that Mrs. *P---* would wait on him in two or three Days. She accordingly came to *London* in Mr. *P---*'s own Coach, himself and Miss *F-----* coming from *Greenwich* with her; and after Mr. *P-----* had been set down in *Gracechurch-street*, she and Miss *F-----* proceeded to Mr. *St----*'s. The Captain who suspected Miss *F-----* to be the Traitoress she has since appeared, (either Mrs. *P-----*'s Servant, or Mr. *S-----* an Attorney being present during this Interview) would not permit her to come into the Room, till Mrs. *P-----*, to whom he communicated his Suspicions, desired he would, assuring him, she thought them entirely groundless. The Reader will probably be at a Loss to guess at the Turn given to this Visit, by Mr. *P-----* and his Friends, I must therefore inform him, it was, *That Mrs. P----- might take her last Farewell of the Captain*, her supposed Gallant. Such Complaisance as the Reader may possibly think few really jealous Husbands, endued with either Honour, Spirit, or even com-

common Sense, would have submitted to. The Captain after this removed to Lodgings he had taken on *Blackbeath*, and as he was walking one Evening in the Assembly-Room, several Inhabitants of *Greenwich* who came thither, said, they believed Mr. P—— was murdering his Wife, for they had heard Cries of Murther in his House, and the treacherous Miss F—— coming to him the next Morning, with a Letter from Mrs. P—, N^o IV; and assuring him she believed Mrs. P—— would be murdered, and that she dare not stay above a Minute or two for his Answer; he, moved with Compassion at the cruel Treatment of the injured Lady, and Gratitude for the Services he had received from her deceased Father, sat down and precipitately wrote the Letter on which he was convicted, the Purport of which was, advising her, *if she could not separate on amicable Terms, to do it at all Events.*

This Letter, tho' Miss F—— had solemnly invoked the Almighty to pour down his heaviest Curses on her, if she did not deliver it to Mrs. P——, she nevertheless took Care should fall into Mr. P——'s Hands; and on this Letter the Captain was convicted, tho' Mrs. P—— never saw it, and consequently could not act by it, and notwithstanding Mr. P—— was reconciled to his Wife before Mr. and Mrs. G——y, after this Letter was wrote, which he himself notified to the Captain by Letter.

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Sometime after this Mr. P-- broke open his Wife's Cabinet, and took out all her Letters, among which were at least thirty of the Captain's, writ to her at various Times from their first Acquaintance; and it must appear strange to an unprejudiced Reader, if a criminal Correspondence had subsisted between them, that not one of them could be brought against him. There was indeed an anonymous Letter taken out of her Pocket, containing a Number of Signals, wrote to her by another Sea-Officer, equally her Friend; the true Motive for his writing of which, was, as Mrs. P-- had been often threatned, and apprehended she should be sent to a Mad-house, to inform her Friends, as none of them could have access to her, by Signals, what Preparations were making for it, and which Way she was carried, that Application might be made to the proper Magistrate for her Release.

The Captain after this went to his Lodgings at Mrs. K--s's in *Derby-Court, Westminster*, and as the Cabal thought they had not got Matter enough to commence another litigious Suit against him; to gratify their Revenge for their Disappointment in that brought against him for his challenging Mr. P--, he having been fined only 13s. 4d. instead of a large Fine they expected: The infamously assiduous Miss F-- was sent to him at these Lodgings, where she earnestly intreated him

to write to Mrs. P—; but notwithstanding
 he on her Knees beg'd his Pardon for her
 Treachery to him and Mrs. P——, and
 declared before Mrs. K——s, she believ-
 ed Mrs. P—— a truly virtuous Woman,
 and highly injured, and the Captain a Man
 of the strictest Honour, she could not prevail
 on him to write.

This Method not succeeding, Mrs. P——
 was more cruelly treated than ever, and (if
 no such Thing was intended) Miss F—— set
 to terrify her with the Danger of being sent
 to a Mad-house, which having at last induced
 her to withdraw from her Husband's House,
 and apply to the Spiritual Court for Redress;
 Miss F—— not only recommended her to
 lodge at her Friend's House, in *Johnson's-*
court, Fleet-street, but herself brought Part
 of her Cloaths to Town after her. Mrs. P——
 thus driven from her Husband's House in the
 severity of Winter, and without Money in
 her Pocket, they thought they should inevi-
 tably get Matter enough against the Captain,
 to answer their Purpose, believing he had
 Humanity enough to assist an injured Lady, of
 whose Misfortunes he had been made the in-
 nocent Author; notwithstanding he had once
 prevailed on her to return Home, after she
 had left her Husband's House, and sent his
 servant to conduct her; and afterwards sent
 her Jewels back to her by the same Servant,

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which she had sent to him among some of his Books and Papers, which had been then at Mr. P—'s House, with Advice not to think of leaving her Husband.

They were not deceived in their Expectation; the Captain on her writing to him a very pathetick Letter, expressing her Want of Necessaries, and imploring his Assistance, came from *Blackbeath* to her, and suffered his Servant to look out for a Lodging for her that she was then in, though a reputable Family, being inconveniently situated for a Lady in her Situation.

The Writer of this Narrative can, and may hereafter, if necessary, convince the World by many melancholy Instances, of this unhappy Pair's Disunion; which appeared too flagrantly soon after they entered into the conjugal State notwithstanding the Allegations of some determined Evidence at the Tryal: As also that the Lady had no Person to apply to for Redress but the Captain, she having in vain sought it many Times from her own Relations, as fully appears by several of their Answers to her Letters on that Subject.

To conclude, though both the Master and Mistress of this House, in which she lodged near two Years, gave him and Mrs. P— the best of Characters, till the Captain refused to become Security for the Payment of her Lodgings; and then, after she had agreed to leave

gave them, and the Captain at their Desire
 to take them, for his own Use, and brought
 his Effects into them; they not only seized as
 many of them as they could, to pay for Mrs.
 P—'s Rent, but turned voluntary Informers,
 and maliciously swore several Things at the
 Tryal, which will soon be set in their true
 Light; Oath having been already made to the
 contrary of what they swore. As to the rest
 of the Evidences against the Captain, the
 principal were the celebrated Miss F—, a
 wild, blasphemous, drunken Coachman, a
 Cook-maid, who declared the reverse of what
 he swore at the Tryal, to Mrs. P—'s Servant,
 and two Bailiffs; one of which swore to such
 Things as appeared improbable to the whole
 Court, and the other to what would have
 been contradicted, *if the Captain's Evidence*
had been examined: And therefore I leave it
 to the unprejudiced Reader to consider, whe-
 ther the Captain had not hard Fate to be
 convicted of inducing a Woman to separate
 from her Husband, by writing of a Letter,
 which she never saw, and consequently could
 not act by; and whether the Jury might not
 have thought the Damage *not quite so great*,
 if his Evidence had been examined, and the
 several Facts set in their true Light.

— But 'tis not *thus* above:

There, is no shuffling; there, the Action
lies

In his true Nature, and we ourselves com-
pelled,

Ev'n to the Teeth and Forehead of our
Faults,

To give in Evidence.

APPENDIX.

N^o I.

S I R,

I Have discovered a wicked Design that is to be made on your Life, and Mr. P—'s Coachman is the Villain who has undertaken the Execution thereof; I waited several Hours for an Opportunity to acquaint you of it, that you may be so far on your Guard as to prevent it. I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Feversham, Sunday Evening,

4 Oct. 1747.

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To Capt. H—, at Ospringe.

N^o II.

Madam,

Y Esterday Evening I wrote you two Letters, which I hope you received; and am now to thank you for your kind Intelligence of the Attempt on my Life. I believe the Villain, with his Associates, would have put it in Execution last Night, if their Designs had not been discovered. I
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am not a little surprized at Mr. P—'s Behaviour, after the friendly Manner in which we parted ; but let me entreat you, Madam, to forgive his fluctuating Conduct, and endeavour at a Reconciliation, for these two essential Reasons ; first, as it will effectually defeat the pernicious Designs of your Enemies ; and secondly, as it is the most conducive Method to your future Happiness ; it not being in my Opinion Mr. P—'s Disposition, but from the Ascendancy which the united Force of the Confederacy has over him. I am this Moment stepping into the Coach for *London*. I wish you extremely happy with your Husband, and remain, with great Respect,

Your most obedient Servant,

Ospringe,

&c.

5 Oct. 1747.

To Mrs. P—, at *Feversham*.

N^o III.

S I R,

Little did I expect after I had wrote to you on *Sunday* Evening, to have met with such cruel Usage from Mr. P—, that wicked Fellow the Coachman prevailed on him to believe I was going with you to *London*, on no other Foundation than that he had seen

seen a Chariot and Four waiting on some Gentlemen at the Inn at *Ospringe*. Mr. P——, without considering my weak Condition, called up his Coachman to tie me with Cords in my Bed, and so terrified me that I thought I should have died. Next Day there was nothing but Screams of Murder to be heard. Mr. P—— attempted to murder *Betty*, and I verily believe he would have shot me, if the Servants had not forced me from him. He turned me out of my Bed, and forced me to lie on the Floor in my weak Condition. I am extremely ill indeed. For God's Sake interpose so far as to take Counsel's Opinion how I must act; for I go in Danger of my Life. I have not Opportunity to say more, but that I hope Death will relieve me from my Troubles, if I cannot be relieved by the Law. I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Direct your Answer to *Rocheſter*.

Feverſham, 6 Oct. 1747.

To *H— H—*, Esq; at Mr. *S——*'s, Merchant, in *Mark-lane*, London.

N^o IV.

S I R,

MISS *F—* has promised to deliver you this Letter, and will take my little Boy *Tommy* with her for a Pretence to walk on

on the Heath, she will acquaint you of my very great Miseries, which are more than I can bear; for God's Sake give me your Advice in my distressed Condition, for I am prevented going to any one, and no one is permitted to come to see me, but those who treat me inhumanely. Mr. P—— has offered me 100 l. a Year, which is too little to live upon, but I believe the Cruelties I suffer will oblige me to take any Thing rather than live such a wretched Life; I am insulted and called Whore by all his Servants and Relations. Whenever Mr. P—— goes to *London*, he returns from thence in such an ill Humour, that he puts me in fear of my Life, which you well know he has once attempted; he sits Hours railing at me and threatening me, so that my Life is made truly miserable, by a Set of vile Wretches he meets in *London*; he has taken care to set all my Relations against me, so that I have no one Friend upon Earth to apply to but you, therefore, I again intreat you for God's Sake to consider this, and send me all the Advice you can by Miss F——, who has promised me to deliver it safe into my Hands; she can, and says she will tell you, more than I have time to write, for I have no other Opportunity of doing it, but when in Bed. I have not time to say more, but that I believe if I am not soon relieved from my present Distress my Life will be very short,

short, for I am extreamly ill. Mr. P— insists on my going with him to Mr. G—y's to-day, but on what Account I know not, be sure to write an Answer, and Miss F— has promised to call on you for it. I am, Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

P. S. I wrote the enclosed when I thought I could not have so much Time to write.

*Greenwich, Sunday,
25th October 1747.*

To Capt. H——, at the Assembly-House on *Blackbeath*.

N^o V.

S I R,

MR. P— shewed me a Letter which he has sent to you, acquainting you of our Reconciliation, which was brought about by Mr. and Mrs. G—y, who joined our Hands together in Friendship, provided on his Part, all his vile Servants now in his Service should be discharged in a short Time, and that he should give up my living at *Rochebester*; and not give credit to those vile People who made this Unhappiness; and that on my Part, I should not visit you. I hope he will keep his Word, as my Peace of Mind depends on it, for I had rather be
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dead than live in a House with such vile Wretches. I did not receive your Letter of Advice which you sent by Miss F—, on the Sunday Evening I came from Mr. G—y's, Mr. P— ordering it to be taken from Miss F—, which was done by the Cook-maid; he has got it, and has promised me to burn it, and to think no more of the Matter. I hope I shall have no farther Occasion to trouble you or any one else, as Mr. P— has promised me so fair before Mr. and Mrs. G—y. Mr. P— has consented to my meeting you, and delivering up the Things I have of yours under my Care, which I shall do the first Opportunity, as I know you want them. I am Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

Greenwich, 2d November, 1747.

To Capt. H— on *Blackbeath*.

N^o VI.

S I R,

WHEN I returned from delivering up the Things I had in Charge of yours, I met Capt. Pr— at our House, and though I met you by Direction of Mr. P—, he asked me where I had been for a Bitch as I was, and such like shocking Expressions, which a Man of Honour would have been ashamed

ashamed to have mentioned before a Woman. He told Mr. P— the best Method he could pursue, would be to lock me up in a Mad-house ; and has so effectually succeeded in his vile Designs, as to set Mr. P— and me, at as great a Variance as ever. As these miserable Wretches have such Influence over Mr. P—, I must pursue some Method for my Tranquility, for I had rather be dead than live this unhappy Life. I hope, as I am destitute of Friends, I may expect that Assistance from you, which a Man of Honour, may with Justice give to a distressed and injured Woman. I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Greenwich, 10th Nov. 1747.

To Capt. H— on *Blackbeath*.

N^o VII.

S I R,

IN Answer to your Request, of being informed why Mr. P— shot at you, and who the Person was that fired with him, I do assure you I could not in my Situation see the Front of the House, but I saw the Coachman fire at you from the Yard. Mr. P— told me indeed, he had been to shoot at a Crow. I am extremely sorry for his Rashness and Folly ; and if you want to know more of this Affair, en-

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quire after the Person that was walking down the Hill, with a black Dog after him. I observed him to be some Time a Spectator of the wicked Scene. I am,

Your most obedient Servant.

Greenwich, 17 Nov. 1747.

To Capt. H—, on *Blackbeath.*

N^o VIII.

S I R,

I Never was more surprized than when Miss F— told me she had visited you in *London* Yesterday, and that you had forgiven her for her wicked Behaviour to you; as she says she is soon to be with you again, I have enjoined her to give you this Letter concerning my cruel Sufferings, and have desired her to relate them to you. The other Day Mr. P— called up his Footman *Daniel*, and the Cook-maid, and bid them strip me naked, because I refused him to search my Pockets for Letters; he dragged me on the Floor before his Servants, then threw me on a Chair, whilst his Cook-maid held my Arms back in a most cruel and painful Manner, and after having compleated their Design of taking my Pockets, left me speechless from their Cruelties. I am dangerously ill, and spit Blood, and God knows, whether I shall ever recover their most barbarous Usage.

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In my Pockets he found an anonymous Letter, he then went up and broke open my *India* Cabinet, and took out all my Letters, many of which were from you; I am glad he has got them, but wish he had taken a less painful Method for me, to have come by them.

I am not able to support myself under my Afflictions, it would be Charity in them to destroy me at once, but my lingering Fortune is insupportable, and that Rascal *St----*s together with *P-r-e* and his Wife are daily inventing some new Device for my Unhappiness. As soon as I recover my Strength, if I beg my Bread I'll leave Mr. *P—*'s House, and prosecute him in the Commons. I have desired Miss *F—* to ask you for a Ring I sent you by Mistake, my Compliments to Mr. *R----n* I should be glad to see him, and remain,

Your most Obedient Servant.

Greenwich, 3 Jan. 1747-8.

To Capt. *H—*, in *Derby-Court*, at Mrs. *K—*—*s's, Westminster.*

N^o IX.

S I R,

MR. *P—*'s whole Crew are now at the House, *P-r-e* and his Wife abuse me by calling me Whore and Bitch before all my
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Servants. *P-r-e* turned me out of the Room from my Husband, and told me, if ever I attempted to come into the Presence of my Husband again, he would send me to a Madhouse, or lock me up in my Room. Sure this infernal Crew ought not to treat me in this Manner. I am determined to seek a Redress, and expose their villainous, barbarous Treatment. O God, did I ever think it possible for Mr. *P—* to countenance his Sister *Pr—e* to treat me in such a Manner, after laying his Commands on me not to keep her Company, for that she was not only addicted to Gaming and other Vices, but that she was exposed publicly for an Intrigue with Lord *J—y*! I am resolute in my Intentions, and remain,

Your most humble Servant.

Greenwich, 15th Jan. 1747.

To Capt. *H—*, at *Blackbeath.*

N^o X.

Madam,

WHEN my Servant came back from your House with my Books, I was much surprized to find your Jewels enclosed in the same Parcel, but have returned them to you by him.

I was in great Hopes that the many Arguments I had made use of for your Return
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Room and Reconciliation to your Husband, when
 ever I you withdrew from Mr. P— and sought
 of my for Protection from me, would have pre-
 to a vailed on you so far as to have prevented any
 Room, other Attempt of that Sort.

treat You know, Madam, how injurious it must
 ed to be to me, as a Man of Honour, in any ways
 inous, to be concerned in an Affair of so tender a
 I ever Nature. I am informed that Mr. P— is
 nance advised by his Council to behave cruelly to
 Man- you, in order to compel you to elope, that
 he not he may have an Opportunity of prosecuting
 as not me for the Letter which I sent to you by
 Vices, Miss F— of the 25th of October, but
 an In- through her artful Contrivance fell into the
 ute in Hands of Mr. P—.

I hope you will have Resolution enough to
 defeat the Malice of your Enemies, and am
 with great Respect,

Your most humble Servant, &c.

Blackbeath, 9th of Feb. 1747-8.

To Mrs. P—.

N^o XI.

S I R,

I Am sensible of the Mistake I made, and
 am sorry for it; Mr. P— has consented
 to live separate, and that Villain St—s has
 been with me to make Proposals. I have a
 Week's Time given me to find Sureties,
 which if I fail to get, I am to be sent to
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some Place to be confined. Mr. P— not only objects to your being one, but also to any one you may be kind enough to assist me with. Miss F— assures me it is a wicked Design of the Cabal's, and also assures me, if I stay in the House till next Friday, I am to be carried to a Madhouse. Upon these Assurances of her's, I am determined to withdraw, and prosecute Mr. P—; and Miss F— has recommended me to her Friend or Relation's House, Mrs. F— in *Johnson's-Court, Fleetstreet*, and has taken my Apparel into her Care, which she will deliver to me in London. I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Greenwich, 15 Feb. 1747-8.

To Capt. H—, on *Blackheath*.

Nº XII.

S I R,

ON Friday last I withdrew from Mr. P—'s House at *Greenwich*, and went to *Doctors-Commons*, at which Place I commenced a Prosecution against Mr. P—. Mrs. F— was very civil to me, but could not lodge me. I sent for my Servant Betty, who is with me, at a House near *Charing-Cross*; the Master of it is a Cabinet-maker. Miss F— has all my Apparel in her Keeping, and how to get at her I know not. I have

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have no Money, and must starve if I can't
get some Assistance. I hope, Sir, you will
favour me with a Visit in the distressed
Condition I am at present. I am, Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

London, 20 Feb. 1747-8.

To Capt. *H—*, near the *Assembly-House*
on *Blackbeath*.

N^o XIII.

Madam,

BY *William* I have sent all your Things,
but two Caps and an Apron, which
Mrs. P— has taken from me. I shall
always think you a Woman of Virtue, and
Capt. *H—* a Man of Honour; and when
I am called to give any Account of the
Cruelties you suffered from *Mr. P—*, will
be a true Friend to you. I am,

Madam, Yours to command,

Tuesday Night.

Eliz. F—,

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was no money, and I was in a
very low state of mind, and you will
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condition I am in.

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Madam,

Y. William I have sent all your things
but two C. and an A. which
as P. — has from me. I shall
ways think you a man of Virtue, and
the H. — a man of Honour; and when
am called to give any Account of the
things you have sent from Mr. P. — will
a true friend to you. I am,



Madam, I am to command,
E. F. —
Friday Night.

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